

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
June 20, 1922.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance June 20, 1922 at 8:00 P.M., and was called to order by President Fitzhugh. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

The minutes of June 6, 1922 were read and approved after corrections.

The minutes of June 9, 1922 were read and approved as read.

The minutes of June 12, 1922 were read and approved after a slight correction.

The minutes of June 14, 1922 were read and approved as read.

A communication from the Automobile Club of So. Cal. was read. Trustee Proctor moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Club by the City Clerk. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A communication from the Dominguez Land Corp. was read and on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Stone, the letter was accepted and ordered placed on file. The motion carried.

A petition signed by 21 residents of Andreo Street was read. After considerable discussion, Trustee Gilbert moved the verbal permit to construct a driveway across the curbing and parking in front of his residence, given Mr. Thorpe by the Chairman of the Street committee, be ratified by the Board. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. W. J. Post appeared in behalf of the American Legion, asking that the Board reconsider their action in having made a charge of Ten dollars for a permit for wrestling and fighting bouts. Among other things he stated that the Legion was not a money-making proposition; that all they wanted was to make expenses for the upkeep of their hall; that their pecuniary circumstances at the present

time were such that a charge for a permit would work a hardship on the Association; that if the Legion ever got any money ahead they would give it to some charitable institution.

Trustee Stone moved that the Ordinance committee so fashion the present Ordinance that non-profit Organizations could be issued permits free of charge. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Nash reported, that from the Trial Balance, there was about enough money on hand to run the City for 40 days. Mr. Briney stated, in this connection, that he had written to the County Auditor concerning money from road taxes, and an answer was expected in a few days.

A report on the Septic tank by Trustee Proctor was to the effect that the first estimated cost of cleaning same was from \$150. to \$200, but that labor and materials already expended had run up to \$618.39; and that the job was about one-half finished, and would take at least two weeks more to finish. However, he expected to have the tank in order by this time next week. They were putting in a tile drain, and would be able to flush the tank as originally intended.

Trustee Proctor also reported that he had been to inspect the intersection of 210th and Amapola Sts. and found the street in a bad condition; the intersection was still impassable for traffic even of light cars; and that lumber trucks, taking supplies into that district, absolutely could not get through. Also stated that he wanted some action by the Board before expending any more money there. He wanted to get some suggestions from Mr. Towne on the proposition. It was decided that he should see Mr. Towne and report at the next meeting of the Board.

Trustee Stone reported that Mr. Morgan had resigned as night-watchman, and that Mr. Booth of Arizona had been recommended for the position.

The City Engineer's report on two tentative ordinances which would be much needed in the near future, relating to the digging up of streets for gas mains and connections, and the refilling of same; also an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 6, were referred to the City Attorney and the Ordinance committee for whipping into shape, by a motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, and to be reported back to the Board as soon as possible. Carried.

Mr. Werden's Attorney examined the proceedings for street improvements and complemented the Board on their good work. President Fitzhugh suggested that Mr. Werden be phoned in order to get some idea of his activities regarding the street work.

The Police Chief reported that the dog catcher had been busy, and that some licenses had been issued; that quite a few dogs had been caught.

In the matter of road signs, Trustee Proctor moved that the City Clerk be authorized to make arrangements with the Automobile Club of So. Cal. to furnish and place such signs; that in the placing of same, it might be a good idea to allow $\frac{1}{4}$ mile for the slowing down of machines before reaching the City limits. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Stone, Proctor and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

As the garage back of the Burkhart building had not been moved as yet, after the Building Inspector having spoken to the owner about same, Trustee Gilbert moved that the Building Inspector write to Mr. Burkhart giving him 10 days in which to move same; that in case the request was not complied with, the City would move same and charge the expense to him. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The City Engineer was instructed to again communicate with the So. Cal. Edison Co. regarding the conduit on the north side of the Burkhart building, and also to mention the fact that some of the street lights were not working.

The question of Redondo taking care of Torrance prisoners was brought up by Trustee Proctor with the statement that something should be done about it in the very near future. In this connection Trustee Gilbert moved that the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Dominguez Land Corp. offering the sum of \$8,000. for lots 21, 22, 23, 24 of Block 7 as a site for a City Hall, and that the City be given a 90 day option on same. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Stone moved that Mr. B. F. Booth be employed as night-watchman for the City at a salary of \$125.00 per month beginning June 16, 1922. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Nash reported that he had talked with Standard Oil men on the question of charging fees for drilling within the City limits; that they told him that Huntington Beach was the only place in which such fees were being demanded, and the Ordinance was being fought as it had a tendency to retard development.

Trustee Gilbert moved that City employees, after having been employed for one year, be given a vacation of two weeks duration with full pay; the motion was seconded by Trustee Stone and duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Proctor moved that the City Hall be closed at one o'clock every Saturday. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor moved that the City Clerk look into the matter of screens for the City Hall windows, and that the proper committee be authorized to pass on the Clerk's report. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Stone, Proctor and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Stone, Proctor and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the meeting be adjourned until Wednesday, June 28th, at 7:30 P.M. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Albert M. Fitzhugh
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

APPROVED:

James M. Fitzhugh
 President of the Board of Trustees
 of the City of Torrance.